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The Georgia Baptist Association convened to-day at this place. The Introductory Sermon was preached, in the absence of the regular appointee, by Bro. A. Chandler of the Sarepta Association, from Hebrews xii., 28th.

After an intermission of one hour, the first session was opened with signing and prayer, conducted by Bro. Harly.

Read the letters from the Churches.

Re-elected Elder P M. Mell, Moderator, and Bro. T. W Callaway, Clerk.

Bro. J. Cooper being present from Ebenezer Church without a letter, was admitted to a seat as a delegate from said Church.

Bro. Moderator appointed the following committees:

*On Business.*—Brethren Stockton, Hamilton, Cooper, Hogan, Beck, Harrell and Kilpatrick.

*On Preaching.*—Brethren Wingfield, Paschel, Sanders, Sale, Daniel, R. McWhorter, and Durham.

*On Finance.*—Brethren Dill, Thornton, and Lane.

Received the following Correspondents:

From the Washington Association, Brethren Harly, and

From the Sarepta Association, Brethren Chandler, Fortson, Johnson, Gibson, Jennings, and Campbell.

From the Edgefield Association, Bro. B. L. Talberd.

Solicited Ministers of our own denomination to seats with us. Invitation accepted by Brethren A. D. Cohen and J. A. Moody.

Hours of meeting fixed at 9 A. M., and 1 P. M.

Adjourned to hour of agreement to-morrow A. M. Closed with prayer, led by Bro. Rambaut.

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SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Opened with prayer, led by Bro. Harrell.

Adopted Report of Committee on Business.

Renewed invitation to Correspondents. Accepted by

Brethren Preston and Moncrief, from the Appalachee Association.

Bro. Moderator appointed the following Committees:

*On State of Religion*—Brethren Burgess, Young, D. Jones, B M Callaway, Carter, Isaac A McLendon and Peek.

*On Deceased Ministers*—Brethren Hogan, T. P. Jones, Veasey, Langston, Overton, Story and Shank.

*On Nominations*—Brethren Willis, J. N. Hawes, Reynolds, Rees, C Binns, Moore and Ramsey

*On Corresponding Letter*—Brethren Young, Asbury, Robinson, W R. Callaway, Nash, J. C. Binns and William-son.

Gave opportunity to Agents to present their several claims. Bro. Rambaut, of the Domestic Mission Board, addressed the body in its behalf. He also presented himself as agent for the Christian Index.

Bro. D. G. Daniell announced himself as agent for the Baptist Banner, and urged upon the bretheren the propriety of subscribing for said paper.

Appointed the following Correspondents:

To the Appalachee Association, Sandy Creek, including 3d Sabbath in September next, H. C. Peek and J. R. Young.

To the Central Association, Milledgeville, 4th Sabbath in August next, Bro. N M. Crawford.

To the Sarepta Association, Vinyards Creek, 4th Sabbath in September next, Brethren Burgess and N. L. MeMekin.

To the Washington Association. Sandersville, 4th Sabbath in September next, Bro. N. L. MeMekin.

To the Edgefield Association, Little Stephens, 2d Sabbath in September next, Brethren Hogan, Stockton and B. M. Callaway

To the Hephzibah Association, Botsford, 4th Sabbath in October, Bro. Harrell.

Upon motion, and seconded, took up the queries from the Double Branches Church.

Postponed the discussion of said queries until the Afternoon Session.

Appointed the next meeting of the Georgia Baptist Association with the Church at Sardis, Friday before the 2nd Lord's Day in October, 1866.

Appointed the general meeting of the First District at Greenwood, 5th Sunday in July. The Second District at New Providence, 5th Sunday in September. The Third Dis-

trict at Bethesda, 5th Sunday in July. The Fourth District at Friendship, 5th Sunday in September.

Elected the following Bretheren to represent us in the Georgia Baptist Convention—P. H. Mell, N. M. Crawford, J. H. Stockton, P. F. Burgess, J. R. Young, T. W. Callaway, B. M. Callaway, J. Carter, N. L. McMekin, J. Hogan, J. H. Kilpatrick, J. T. Wingfield, J. S. Hamilton, J. Cooper and F. C. Armstrong.

Received as correspondents from the Central Association, Brethren E. Jewell and A. M. Marshall.

Adopted unanimously the following Resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Association and its earnest wish that the Southern Organizations of our denomination remain intact; and we hereby pledge ourselves to sustain them by our prayers and substance, according to the ability left to us after four years of desolating war, and as a merciful God shall afford us ability hereafter.

2. *Resolved*, That in carrying out the foregoing resolution, we sincerely believe we shall be using the best means of promoting the true interests and prosperity of our Redeemer's Kingdom.

3. *Resolved*, That from all we can learn of the light in which Northern and Southern Baptists look upon each other, any attempt on their part or ours, towards united effort, at this time, would be productive of trouble and confusion and not of good.

4. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of all good men to pray that every cause of evil and root of bitterness be taken out of the hearts of all God's people in all our country.

5. *Resolved*, That our Domestic Mission Board be invited to occupy our associational bounds in its operations amongst the negroes, and that its agents are invited to visit our Churches to advocate the claims of the Board.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Jewell.

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## SATURDAY, 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Opened with prayer, led by Bro. Moncrief.

Took up as the first business, the discussion of the queries from the Double Branches Church, and after considerable interchange of opinions, the following answers were unanimously given :

First. "Is it advisable for the colored members of our Churches to take letters of dismission and form Churches of their own. ?



Answer. It is lawful, but we do not think it expedient at present in the country.

Second. "Is it expedient for us to receive any more colored members into our Churches?"

Answer. It is scriptural.

The following is a request from Williams' Creek Church :  
 "Inasmuch as fiddling and dancing have become so very popular in many parts of the country, that some members of the Church profess to believe them to be harmless practices, and make parties at their own houses, and in almost every way tolerate and encourage said practices, which we believe to be practices of great evil, and are very injurious to youth, and to society, and to the cause of Christianity. We therefore request that the views of your body relative to such practices by members of the Church, be spread on the Minutes of your present meeting."

Answered. We are unanimously of the opinion that all church members who dance, or are either aiders or abettors in dancing, should be counseled and disciplined; and if they still persist in such conduct, they should be expelled.

"Wherefore do the wicked live—become old, yea, are mighty in power?"

Their seed is established in their sight with them,

And their offspring before their eyes.

Their houses *are* safe from fear—neither is the rod of God upon them.

Their bull gendereth, and faileth not;—their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

They send forth their little ones like a flock,—and their children dance.

They take the trimbrel and harp,—and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

They spend their days in wealth,—and in a moment go down to the grave.

Therefore they say unto God, depart from us ;

For we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

What is the Almighty, that we should serve him ?

And what profit should we have, if we pray unto him ?"

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday A. M.

Closed with prayer, lead by Bro. Hogan.

Divine worship was conducted Friday, P. M., by Brother Jennings; Saturday, A. M., by Bro. Stockton; P. M., by Bro. Hogan; Sunday, A. M., by Bro. Rambaut, and P. M. by Bro. Crawford.

The meeting house was occupied Sunday by the Colored Ministers and congregation.

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MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Opened this morning's session with singing and prayer, led by Bro. Fortson.

Adopted Report on State of Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully

### REPORT:

That we are rejoiced to learn that most of the Churches within our bounds have enjoyed precious revival seasons. But the accessions by baptism are not quite so numerous as the preceding year. Some of the Churches complain of coldness and barrenness in spiritual things.

It is to be regretted that there is a disposition on the part of many of the members of the Churches to engage in, or give their approbation to, practices of doubtful propriety, such as the *innocent* amusements, (as they are called) of parties, the distillation of ardent spirits directly or indirectly, and other things of like import.

Others engage in practices not of doubtful propriety, but plainly condemned in the word of God—namely, the making, selling, and drinking ardent spirits as a beverage; fiddling and dancing, entertaining in our hearts against christian brethren, envy, malice or unkind feelings, and other sinful practices consequent upon yielding to the temptations by which we are surrounded in the present state of our country.

In view of all these things, we recommend the Churches of this Association to observe Friday, the 2d day of February next, as a day of Public Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer to Almighty God, that he may remove these evils, and give us grace to serve Him acceptably, with reverence and Godly fear.

P. F. BURGESS, CH'N.

Adopted the Report on Deceased Ministers.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers beg leave to

### REPORT:

During the past year it has pleased the Lord to remove from our midst, Bro. William Singleton, in the 34th year of his age. Bro. S. was a native of England, but upon reaching his majority moved to the United States, and settled in Augusta, where he

experienced a change of heart. He was at once impressed with the duty of preaching, and after some difficulties, found the way open. Being licensed by the Augusta Church, he went to Penfield to pursue his duties. The great need of laborers caused the Church to call him to ordination, and he labored successfully as the Pastor of Shiloh and Friendship Churches. Before his course of studies were finished, he closed his career upon earth, deeply mourned by all who knew him. He was eminently a man of prayer, and this was the secret of his ministerial success.

A colored Licentiate, Bro. Abram Bone, has also been taken away. He has been licensed about four years, and was highly esteemed by the brethren among whom he labored.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN HOGAN, CH'MN

The Committee on Nominations Report—

Bro. Mell to preach the next Introductory, and Bro. Hogan his alternate.

Approved form of Corresponding Letter as presented by the Chairman of that Committee.

Report of the Committee on Finance was adopted, and Bro. Clerk ordered to have the same printed with these Minutes.

Upon motion, and seconded, passed, that Bro. Clerk receive thirty-five dollars for his services, and have Minutes printed with the balance of the Minute Fund, and distribute them among the Churches.

Ordered Chairman of Finance Committee to pay over to Bro. Rambaut funds going to Domestic Mission Board and remit balance to Bro. T. J. Burney, Treasurer of the State Convention.


The thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Bretheren and friends of this community, for their kind hospitality so generously extended to us.

After singing, "Blest be the tie"—and prayer offered by Bro. J. Cooper, the Association adjourned without day.

P H. MELL, MODERATOR.

THOS. W. CALLAWAY, Clerk.

## NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF MINISTERS IN THE GEORGIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Burgess, P. F., Leathersville.	Mell, P. H., Athens.
Butler, J. B., Lincolnton.	Morgan, T. R., Warrenton.
Callaway, B. M., Washington.	Nash, T. A., Washington.
Carter, J. A., “	Overton, W. A., Union Point.
Cheeves, A. J., Penfield.	Peek, H. C., Greensboro.
Cooper, J., Washington.	Pope, W. H., Washington.
Cooper, T. H., “	Quisenby, J. L., “
Crawford, N. M., Penfield.	Rhodes, G., “
Gunn, R., Warrenton.	Rhodes, S., “
Harrell, L. W., Thomson.	Robinson, P. B., Greensboro.
Harrell, G. L., “	Sanders, W., Penfield.
Harris, J., Appling.	Steed, L. G., Raysville.
Hogan, J., Leathersville.	Stockton, J. H., Thomson.
Hillman, J., Thomson.	Sutton, W., Danburg.
Jones, D., Danburg.	Tucker, H. H., Penfield.
Kenedy, A. L., Leathersville.	Tupper, H. A., Washington.
Kilpatrick, J. H., White Plains.	West, T. B., Thomson, 
Langston, W. G., Bairdstown.	Whitfield, G. A. P. White Oak.
McGinty, R. E., Double Wells.	Woody, J. A., Crawfordville.
McLendon, I. A., Danburg.	Young, J. R., Bairdstown.
McMekin, N. L., Washington.	

### COLORED MINISTERS.

Beall, Frank, Augusta.	Johnson, Henry, Augusta.
Johnson, Peter, “	Watts, Henry, “

Licentiates in Italics.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Sunday Schools†.....	Time of Mo Meeting.	Baptized.....	Received by Letter...	Restored.....	Dismissed.....	Excluded.....	Dead.....	No of Whites.....	No of Blacks.....	Total.....
1st DISTRICT.														
Bethlehem,*	Columbia,	J. B. Butler,	No Delegate,		2	40			1		3	31	96	127
Danastut;	"	J. Hogan,	No Delegate,		4	3			1			26	81	57
Double Branches,	Lincoln	P. F. Burgess,	P. F. Burgess,		1	5		1		2		71	82	163
Goshen,	"	J. H. Fortson,	F. M. Wright, J. S. Launc,											
"	"	"	P. W. Sale,											
Greenwood.	Wilkes,	P. F. Burgess,	G. Shank, D. Paschal,		2	46	1	4	1	4		40	175	215
Hephzibah,	Lincoln,	"	H. G. Crook,		3	2		2	3	1	1	57	23	80
Kiddee,	Columbia,	J. Harris,	E. Dorsey, L. A. Pollard,		4	11	2				1	64	17	81
"	"	"	G. A. P. Whitfield,											
Lincolnton,	Lincoln,	J. B. Butler,	T. D. Dallas,		3	27	3	1		2	2	36	216	252
New Hope,	"	J. Hogan,	J. Hogan, J. N. Hawes,		1	19			3	2		64	49	113
Salem,	"	P. F. Burgess,	J. M. Dill, C. E. Ramsey,		1	24	3		8	1	2	81	38	114
Springfield, African,	Richmond,	H. Watts,	H. Watts, J. Ross, J. Sin		2	11	9		1	4	2	87	36	123
"	"	"	gleton, J. C. Bryant,											
"	"	"	J. R. Bearfield,		3	58	5	5	6	21	22		1820	1820
Thankful,	"	H. Johnson,	H. Johnson, J. Talbert,		4	12		7		6	10		448	448
			Total 1st District.....			258	23	20	24	43	43	557	3026	3583



STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Sunday Schoolst...	Time of Mo Meeting	Baptized.....	Received by Letter.	Restored.....	Dismissed.....	Excluded.....	Dead.....	No of Whites.....	No of Blacks.....	Total.....
"	"	"	brew, J. G. Holtzclaw R.	S. S.	4	28	2	1	8	6	1	190	121	311
"	"	"	L. McWhorter, W Ed											
"	"	"	mondson, W O Cheney, sr.											
Bethesda.	Greene,	H. H. Tucker,	W A. Overton, C. N.		3	5	1	2	3		5	97	63	160
"	"	"	Daniel, T. R. Thornton,											
Bethel,	Taliaferro,	L. R. L. Jennings	J. Henry, J. W. Rey-											
"	"	"	nolds, S. W Chapman, H.	S. S.	2	9	8	1	4	3	7	224	78	302
"	"	"	D. Murden, L. L. Veasey,											
County Line,	Oglethorpe,	J. A. Carter,	J. C. Fluker,	S. S.	1	5	3		1	4	2	56	35	91
Greensboro',	Greene,	N. M. Crawford,	P. B. Robinson,	S. S.	1	5	3		3	2	1	57	60	117
Penfield,	"	N. M. Crawford,	N. M. Crawford, A. J.											
"	"	"	Cheeves,	S. S.	3	3			2		1	81	39	120
Shiloh,	"	V A. Bell,	W. G Langston, F. Mc-											
"	"	"	Whorter, W N Williams,											
"	"	"	W K Mullins, SS Nickel-											
"	"	"	son,	S. S.	1	22		2	4	14	3	77	144	221
Smyma,	"	J. R. Young,	H. C. Peek, A. Rhoades,		1	8	1			4	1	85	31	116
White Plains,	"	J. H. Kilpatrick,	W W Moore, J. H. Kil-											
"	"	"	patrick,		2	2	5	2	5		4	78	50	128
Total 3rd District.....						129	22	12	41	34	28	1126	694	1820

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Sunday Schools†....	Time of Mo Meeting	Baptized.....	Received by Letter	Restored.....	Dismissed.....	Excluded.....	Dead.....	No of Whites.....	No of Blacks.....	Total.....
4th District.														
Beulah,	Lincoln,	L W Stephens,	J H Willis, B Danaway		1	18		1	2	3	2	57	78	135
Beaver Dam,	Wilkes,	J R Young,	W Maxwell, A Evans,		3	5	1		11	1	3	77	56	133
Clark's Station,	"	B M Callaway,	B M Callaway,		2	6			3	2	1	58	47	105
Even ezer,	"	T B West,	J Cooper,	S. S.	4	7	4	1	2		1	64	50	114
Fishing Creek,	"	J A Carter,	J A Carter,	S. S.	3	6	2	1	2		2	43	40	82
Friendship,	"	J H Fortson,	D Jones,		4	7	2	1	5	1	3	81	17	48
Newford,	"	J Hogan,	I A McLendon, S Rhoades,											
"	"	"	W B Norman, W H Lind-											
"	"	"	sey.	S. S.	2	34	6	8	5	2	10	145	164	311
Phillips Mills,	"	J R Young,	J R Young, T A Nash,		2	4	1		3	3	2	120	106	226
Rehoboth,	"	J Hogan,	G B Smith, N L McMe-											
"	"	"	kin, A C McKen,	S. S.	1	30	1			3		114	97	211
Sardis,	"	L R L Jennings,	W R Callaway, G Bines,											
"	"	"	J C Williams, J C Bines,		4	13	12		4	4	4	128	103	231
Washington,	"	H A Tupper,	J T Wingfield, F C Arm-											
"	"	"	strong, T W Callaway, J											
"	"	"	C Dyson,	S. S.	1	6	3		1			93	275	368
Total 4th District.....														136 32 12 38 19 28 929 1033 1964
Total in Association.....														1 654 128 57 158 115 118 3300 5651 8953

\*Statistics taken from minutes of 1864

†This column incomplete.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.....	Foreign Mission.....	Domestic Mission.....	General purposes.....	Indian Mission.....	B. B. Macon.....	Liberian Mission.....	Totals.....
Antioch.....	2 50							2 50
Bairds.....	4 00							4 00
Beaver Dam.....	2 00							2 00
Bethesda.....	3 00							3 00
Bethlehem.....								
Bethel.....	4 00			21 50				25 50
Beulah.....	2 00			4 50				2 00
Central African.....	2 00		5 00					6 50
Clark's Station.....	2 00							7 00
County Line.....	2 00							2 00
Damascus.....	1 50							1 50
Double Branches.....	3 00							3 00
Ebenezer.....	2 00							2 00
Ebenezer African.....	2 00			4 00				6 00
Fishing Creek.....	3 00							3 00
Elim.....	5 00							5 00
Frindsburg.....	1 50							1 50
Goshen.....	4 00							4 00
Greensboro.....	1 50							1 50
Greenwood.....	2 00							2 00
Hephzibah.....	1 45							1 45



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Minutes. . . . .	Foreign Mission.	Domestic Mission..				General Purposes..	Indian Mission...	B. B. Macon.	Liberian Mission.	Totals. . . . .
Thankful, African,	2 50						4 00				6 50
Thomson,	2 25										2 25
Union,	5 00		25 00						6 06		36 00
Warrenton,	2 00										2 00
Washington,	3 00	26 55	27 00								56 55
White Plains,	2 00										2 00
Williams' Creek,	1 00										1 00
	120 85	46 55	102 09				74 75	20 50	26 00	20 00	410 15

SUMMARY—For minutes, \$120 85; Foreign Missions, \$46 55; Domestic Missions, \$102 00; General Purposes, \$74 75; Indian Missions, \$20 50; Bible Board, Macon, \$26 00; Liberian Missions, \$20 00. Received from J. M. Elliott, New Providence, \$3 50 for General purposes, and from J. H. Willis, of Beulah, \$5 00 for Sabbath School Board, making a total of \$419 15.

J. M. DILL,  
T. R. THORNTON, } Committee.  
JOSEPH S. LANE,

# CONSTITUTION, & c.

[AS REVISED IN 1861.]

WHEREAS, It has been found expedient for Churches of Jesus Christ within convenient distance of each other to be in some way associated, in order to promote mutual piety, and to secure unity of faith, harmony of feeling, and concert of action in religious enterprises ; We, therefore, messengers from the following named Churches, to-wit :

Antioch.....	Elim.....	Pine Grove,
Baird's.....	Fishing Creek....	Ray Town,
Beaver Dam.....	Friendship.....	Rehoboth,
Bethesda.....	Goshen.....	Salem,
Bethlehem.....	Greensboro.....	Sharon,
Bethel.....	Greenwood.....	Shiloh,
Beulah.....	Hephzibah.....	Shiloh,
Central African.....	Kiokee.....	Smyrna,
Clark's Station.....	Lincolnton.....	Spirit Creek,
County Line.....	Newford.....	Springfield,
Damascus.....	New Hope.....	Sweet Water,
Double Branches.....	New Providence.....	Thankful,
Ebenezer.....	Penfield.....	Union,
Ebenezer, African.....	Phillips' Mills.....	Warrenton,
Washington.....	Williams' Creek.....	White Plains,
	Thomson..	.....

Do hereby set forth the following articles, as the basis on which the said Churches propose to associate :

1. We believe in one only true and living God ; and that there is a Trinity of Persons in the Godhead,—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Words of God, and that they are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, in the imputation of his sin to his posterity ; in the corruption of human nature ; and the inability of man to recover himself from his lost estate.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, and in the eternal and particular election of a definite number of the human race to grace and glory ; and that before the world began, there was a covenant made between the Father and the Son, in which the salvation of the redeemed is made secure

5. We believe that the righteousness of Christ imputed to sinners is the only ground of their justification before God.

6. We believe that the Spirit and power of God will effectually call, regenerate, sanctify and support those who were chosen in Christ, so that they shall persevere in grace, and so that not one of them will finally be lost.

7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith,—that they follow justification, and are evidences of a gracious state.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

### AS FOR GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church is a congregation of professed believers in Jesus Christ, who, enjoying christian fellowship with each other, have associated themselves together, with a view to keep up public worship, and a godly discipline, agreeably to the rules of the Gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Great Head of the Church, and its only Law-giver; but that the administration of the laws on earth, is vested in each church for itself, an equal share in the administration being the privilege of each member; and that discipline is intended for the purity of the church, and for the reclaiming of those members who may be disorderly in either principle or practice, and should be faithfully kept up for the glory of God.

3. We believe that Baptism in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and are to be continued until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Scriptures prescribe no mode of baptism; that baptism and immersion are equivalent terms, and that consequently to substitute sprinkling or affusion for baptism, is to disobey the command of our Saviour; we also believe that none but true believers in Jesus Christ are subjects of Scriptural baptism.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptised church members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

6. We believe that it is the duty of every heaven-born soul to make a public profession of his faith, to be legally baptized, to become a member of the visible church, and to partake of the Lord's Supper at every legal opportunity in the whole course of his life.

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Having set forth the above abstract of what we believe to be the faith of the churches which we represent, we lay down for ourselves the following Regulations, to-wit :

## ORGANIZATION.

1. The Association shall consist of those members of churches in the union who may be regularly chosen to represent them in this body, and who may convene for that purpose.

2. The members so chosen and convened shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, and stating the number of members, the number of those baptized, received or dismissed by letter, restored, excommunicated, or deceased, since the last meeting of the Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "GEORGIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the messengers present.

5. If other churches should desire to be admitted into the union, they shall petition by letter and by messengers, and if on examination found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association; and the Moderator shall welcome the messengers, by giving them the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to at least two messengers, and to an additional messenger for every fifty members over one hundred.

7. Bretheren in the ministry may be admitted to the councils of the body whenever the latter may deem it expedient.

## POWER AND DUTIES.

1. In furtherance of the objects set forth in the Preamble to these Articles the Association may give advice to the churches of the Union in case of difficulty, and if fellowship should be broken between any of them shall endeavor to restore the same; and shall withdraw from any church or churches that may be regarded by the body as unsound in principle or immoral in practice; and shall correspond as far as convenient with other Associations of the same faith and order.

2. This Association shall be vested with no ecclesiastical power whatever.

3. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the union, shall be read, and the Moderator shall put to vote whether it shall be debated; if the vote affirmative, the query shall then be discussed,—but if not, it shall be laid upon the table; provided always that those queries which affect the fellowship of the churches shall be discussed *first*.

4. The Association shall fix the time and place for the next meeting.

**BY LAWS.**

1. Every motion in order duly made and seconded, shall be acted on by the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

2. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless on a point of order.

3. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association.

4. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of a public speech ; nor shall personal reflections be cast on any member.

5. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave from the Moderator.

6. If any member shall violate any of these rules he shall be immediately reprovved by the Moderator.

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record in a book the proceedings of the Association, and the latter shall see that he is suitably remunerated for his services.

8. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises, and shall be printed together with these articles.

9. Any of the above articles may be amended or altered whenever a majority of the Association may deem it expedient.

Received from the Clerk \$85 35 for printing these minutes.







